

METHODIST PROTESTANTS, UNITED BRETHREN AND CONGREGATIONALIST WILL UNITE

THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS AND GREAT ENTHUSIASM WAS MANIFEST OVER THE EVENT.

THIS AMALGAMATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AND COMING ALONG WITH THE UNION

OF THE PRESBYTERIANS SHOWS THE DRIFT OF MODERN PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS TOWARD UNITY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Unanimously and with great enthusiasm, the Methodist Protestant General Conference last night adopted the proposition to begin preparations for amalgamation with the Congregationalist and United Brethren denominations. The question was brought up by a report from the committee on church union, of which Dr. J. L. Mills is chairman, which recommended among other things:

"The appointment of a joint committee for the purpose of exchange of views and formulating a basis of union which will be submitted to the constituent bodies for ratification; one such commissioner to be elected by each annual conference at its next session; commission to prepare a statement of the common fundamental doctrines of church affairs; that they arrange for a representative form of government securing to the local churches the largest degree of liberty consistent with some form of connectionalism that will conserve all the great interests of the church, and most effectively promote the Kingdom of God."

There was considerable discussion of the report, but when it came to a vote, not a single member of the conference recorded his opposition to it. Delighted with the result of their labors on this momentous question, the delegates spontaneously joined in singing the doxology when the vote was announced.

BISHOPS ARE CONSECRATED

THE MOST IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY IN THE METHODIST RITUAL

PERFORMED LAST NIGHT—THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTED OFFICERS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 26.—The Methodist general conference devoted its time to-day to the election of the general conference officers, including publishing agents, secretaries and assistant secretaries of the various societies. In several cases the first ballot failed to show an election and the second one was taken, the result of which will not be announced until tomorrow morning. The following were elected:

Homer Eaton and G. P. Mains, publishing agents, New York.

H. C. Jennings and E. R. Garham, publishing agents, Cincinnati.

A. B. Leonard, secretary of the missionary society.

J. M. King, secretary of the board of church extension.

M. C. B. Mason and W. T. Therkfield, secretaries of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Aid Societies.

Robert Forbes, assistant secretary of church extension society.

There were numerous candidates for secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, and one of the board of education and of the Epworth League. The first ballot failed to show an election in many of these cases.

S. J. Herbin was elected editor of the Epworth Herald on the ballot taken late yesterday and announced to-day.

Tonight at the Pavilion, the most impressive ceremony in the Methodist ritual was performed, the consecration of the eleven newly elected bishops.

To Wed.

A marriage license was issued to-day to Edgar N. Wilcox, 27, and Lora D. Hess, 21.

KITCHEN SHOWER

GIVEN AT THE MANLEY MOTEL LAST EVENING WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

The Kitchen Shower given at the Manley Hotel last night was a grand success. The weather was rainy, but the halls were crowded. The Shower was given in honor of several young people who will be married soon. They are: Misses Anna Samsell, Madge Booher and Georgia Weatherwax and Dr. W. H. Sands and Arthur Martin. All present had a very pleasant time, and everything passed off smoothly, until about the time the first of the guests were leaving, an elevator accident occurred.

Some ten or twelve ladies and one gentleman boarded the machine on the second floor to descend to the lobby. Just as the boy in charge had started it downwards the circuit breaker came out and the safety appliances stopped it about two or three feet below the second floor.

It is evident that some one reversed the machine, thus allowing it to drop. Fortunately the drop was a short one and no one was badly hurt, although all were more or less jarred up.

Mrs. Nellie Sweeney Palmer fainted, but was not at all injured, suffering more from nervousness than injuries.

FINE OUTING

THE HIGH SCHOOL SPENT A MOST ENJOYABLE DAY IN THE FIELDS YESTERDAY ONE UNHAPPY

INCIDENT MARRED THE PLEASURE OF THE HAPPY CROWD BUT THAT WAS SOON OVER.

The High School outing yesterday was a grand success. The teachers and pupils started at eight o'clock, in the rain, and returned at nine last night, while it was raining. But the clouds withheld their tears after the crowd started and the day was fine. The boys and girls had a fine time playing games of different kinds and enjoying the beauties of nature. They had plenty of good things to eat and the boys had a good game of ball. The only trouble was that the farmers' boys in the vicinity of Round Bottom were too much for them. The school boys were beaten by a small score.

What might have been a sad accident happened. Some boys and girls went down the river and hired a couple of boats. In trying to climb from one boat into the other, Miss Zella Deveny fell into the water. She went under and the boys had some trouble in getting her out. Quite an excitement was created for a little while, but by the time Mr. Rosier arrived on the spot she was rescued. Smith Tibbs was the hero of the occasion, as he succeeded in getting Miss Deveny out of the water.

After the day was well spent the crowd went aboard the J. O. Watson and returned home, a little tired, but satisfied with the way the day had been spent.

Won a Diamond Ring.

Brakeman Huffman, of trains 46 and 55, won a handsome diamond ring valued at \$125. He and a 4th division engineer were soliciting funds for Benwood lodge, B. of L. E.

Huffman secured \$385 with his opponent hot after him with over \$300.

To Circuit Court.

The case between Murphy and Stein, which came up in Justice Amos' court yesterday, will come before the Circuit Court.

Dance To-Night.

The younger set will give a dance in the Free Press hall this evening. Quite a number will be present.



GETTING READY FOR THE AIRSHIP TOURNAMENT AT ST. LOUIS.

A LIVE POLE JAPS CAPTURE KIN CHOW

CAME NEAR KILLING A YOUNG LADY ON FAIRMONT AVENUE LAST EVENING.

MISS BEULAH INGRAM PUT HER HAND AGAINST A TELEPHONE POLE, AND WAS KNOCKED DOWN.

Last evening about nine o'clock, Miss Beulah Ingram, of the South Side, came near meeting death in a horrible manner. She was passing along the walk at the corner of Fairmont avenue and Fifth street, when she put her hand against a telephone pole, touching the chain that comes from the electric light. From some cause the chain had been charged and instantly Miss Ingram was thrown into the street. She uttered a scream and several persons ran to her assistance. She was picked up and it was found that she had received a severe shock. However, in a few minutes she was able to get on a car and go to her home. This morning she is feeling well and suffers no injury from her experience.

If Miss Ingram had taken hold of the chain with a firm grip, there is no doubt but that it would have killed her. But she merely touched it and that is why she was not seriously injured. Supt. Hood, of the Traction Company, was notified about the dangerous condition of the pole, and he took immediate steps to have it fixed. It is not considered safe to-day and a frame is kept around it so that no one else will be shocked.

There have been several cases of poles becoming charged in the past year, and about two years ago a young man was killed on Fairmont avenue. Several boys were slightly shocked by this same pole the past winter while skating, but the matter was never reported. It is a dangerous thing and should be looked after and prevented whenever possible. The trouble is that no one ever knows anything about it until some one else has come in contact with it.

Died Yesterday Evening.

Mary Hooker, colored, who has been cooking at the home of M. L. Hutchinson, died yesterday at Cook's Hospital of some intestinal trouble. Her home was in Virginia. Mr. Hutchinson will bury her in the old Fairmont cemetery. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the Baptist church on Cherry avenue.

A slight freight wreck on the M. R. division called the wrecking crew out at noon.

MINISTER GRISCOM SENDS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON—HE SAYS THE JAPANESE ARE FIRING ON PORT ARTHUR.

ANOTHER REPORT SAYS THAT PORT ARTHUR IS ENTIRELY ENVELOPED—A JAPANESE BATTLESHIP IS REPORTED SUNK.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The State Department to-day received advices of the capture of Kin Chow by Japanese from Minister Griscom at Tokio. He adds that the Japanese are firing on Port Arthur.

LONDON, May 27.—The Tokio correspondent of the Central News in reporting the storming and taking of Kin Chow thirty miles North of Port Arthur, by the Japanese yesterday, says the fighting was practically confined to a duel between the artillery on both sides. The guns were fired hotly and without intermission for five hours. The fight began at dawn.

Three Japanese warships in Kin Chow Bay co-operated in the attack, firing heavy guns at the Russian positions. A Russian gunboat in Tallien Wan Bay tried to draw off some of the fire by attacking the left flank of the Japanese.

At 5:20 A. M. the Japanese occupied Kin Chow Castle and are now endeavoring to push the retreating Russians from the Southern Heights.

TOKIO, May 27.—Port Arthur is entirely enveloped. Admiral Togo has established a complete blockade around the southern end of Liao Tung Peninsula, while Japanese land forces have swept the Russians from the defenses of Dalney in the immediate rear of the Port.

Measured For New Uniforms

Mr. Kunkle, representing Jacob Reade & Sons, of Philadelphia, was in the city yesterday, and measured the city and rural carriers for their new uniforms.

Clarksburg Team Here.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team arrived at noon from Clarksburg for the game with the local team to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kahrl will leave this evening for Mrs. Kahrl's former home at Harrodsburg, Ky. Mr. Kahrl will return Monday, but Mrs. Kahrl will stay several weeks.

APPEALS

TO BE MADE TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COTTON CONGRESS.

GENEVA, N. Y., May 27.—The Cotton Congress in session here has resolved to send strong appeals to the various governments asking them to assist in the production of the commodity which is absolutely necessary to meet the future demands of the cotton manufacturing industry. Special delegates will visit New York, New Orleans, Liverpool and Alexandria and endeavor to obtain official and governmental prevention of market rigging by outside speculators.

JUMPED FROM MOVING TRAIN

AND WAS SERIOUSLY HURT—AN ITALIAN BOARDED WRONG TRAIN AT THE DEPOT.

Alcibi Ciamatiste, an Italian from Gratton, received bad injuries at 1:30 to-day, caused by alighting from a moving train. The man came down the stairs in the station just as 71, the Wheeling train was leaving. Thinking that it was the Morgantown train, he boarded it after a hard run. When the train reached the lower yards, he knew by the bridge that he was on the wrong route. Before the crew could prevent, he leaped from the train, striking his head on a projecting tie. He was able to walk to town where medical aid was given him. An awful gash was cut in his head and he sustained other injuries.

COUNTY COURT

Met the B. & O. Officials As Per Invitation.

Chief Engineer D. D. Corrothers, of the B. & O., came in on a special at 12:10 to-day. The County Commissioners were to meet them at that time but it was after one before they all arrived. The conference was held in Mr. Corrothers' private car with no others present except B. & O. Attorney Arnett and Prosecuting Attorney Powell.

Nothing was decided upon more than at the Pittsburg meeting. The Company wants more than twenty feet, but the government will not, and the Commissioners cannot give more. Nothing was said about the F. M. and P. bridge.

FROM CHICAGO

THE BIG PROPELLER THOMAS WILSON SAILED YESTERDAY WITH 238,000 BUSHELS OF CORN ON BOARD.

THE REAL TEST OF THE DEAD LOCK IS TO COME TO-MORROW WHEN SEVERAL ARE EXPECTED TO START.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 27.—Half a dozen vessels are ready to sail the Lakes, but the owners are unable to get crews. This is the attitude of the Seamen's Union, which it is claimed is standing by the masters and pilots.

Owners, it is said, have secured a number of mates to take captain's places, but are having difficulty to get mates to go on the boats. Capt. Chas. H. Hutchinson, managing owner of the propeller John T. Hutchinson, expected to take his vessel up the Lake yesterday, but was unable to get a mate. The Sonoma and Yosemite, sister ships to the Saxona, which departed for Duluth on Wednesday, and the Branford expected to get away last night. Six men, members of the crew, were taken out to the boat, which lay at the break wall with steam up, but a hitch occurred and the men returned.

The big propeller Thomas Wilson, sailed from Chicago yesterday.

This is the first break in the ranks of the masters and pilots at Chicago. The boat has on board 238,000 bushels of corn and is bound for the port.

To-day being Friday, it is not believed any vessels will leave any of the ports, because of the old superstition in regard to that day.

The real test may come to-morrow.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 27.—If present conditions count for anything there will probably be from now on a gradual resumption of business on the Great Lakes. The Lake Carriers' Association was in session again yesterday, and although its deliberations were not made public, it is generally claimed by vesselmen that the Lake Carriers are pretty well in command of the situation. President Livingston, one of the Lake Carriers, expressed himself as being much pleased with the outlook and stated that more boats were being constantly fitted out, and several would sail as soon as ordered to.

FATHER

IS LOOKING FOR HIS RUNAWAY DAUGHTER—SHE LEFT HOME OF HER GRANDPARENTS, NEAR COLFAX, LAST TUESDAY.

Elsie Belle Lowden has run away from the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lowden, of near Colfax. She is the daughter of Walter Lowden, of Pittsburg, but has been staying with her grandparents. She left the home Tuesday afternoon between two and three o'clock, and has been seen in Fairmont. Yardmaster Riggs thinks he saw her at the depot last evening about six o'clock.

She is 13 years old, has brown hair and eyes, white scar over right eye, lower lip droops slightly, round face, worn black skirt, red silk shirt waist and white collar. The clothes belong to her aunt and are rather large for her.

The girl has run off before. Her father is here looking for her.

May Day Party.

Miss Rose Sweeney gave a May Day party to the pupils of Westover this morning. Several guests were present and the time was pleasantly spent. On account of the showers the lawn could not be used to advantage, but the boys and girls enjoyed themselves very much.

Consul Mariana will leave for New Haven, Conn., Monday, where he goes to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Spinello Marius, who died in California.

THE WEATHER.

Saturday Will Be Fair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—For West Virginia: Fair to-night, except rain and cooler in eastern portion. Saturday, fair; warmer in western portion.